



### Introduction

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and enjoying the start of this new academic year.

It has been an incredibly busy time at Emerson Park Academy and since our last newsletter we have achieved another great set of GCSE results. On that note I wish all of our former Year 11 pupils great success in their college placements and apprenticeships. I am sure they will go on to many great things and we hope they stay in touch with such stories.

For our current pupils it has also been a busy time. Year 7 have made a great start to the year and our other year groups are all adapting to new programmes of study. Year 8 and Year 9 are working hard at Key Stage 3 and Years 10 and 11 are fully immersed in their GCSE and BTEC studies at this point.

Open Evening was a resounding success with over 1500 Parents, Carers and pupils visiting the school for this major event. The subsequent school tours that took place during the school day have also been incredibly popular and it is a great opportunity for us to showcase the multitude of positive aspects of being a pupil at Emerson Park Academy.

We also received the good news in the summer term of new building projects that have been funded to the tune of £3.4m from the Department for Education. Work on our new sports complex will begin within weeks and it is going to transform our sports provision over the coming years. We will keep you updated on the progress in forthcoming newsletters.

I hope this newsletter provides a snapshot of some of our most recent activities and successes and I hope you all enjoy the half term break.

Best wishes,

Scott McGuinness  
Headteacher



### Welcome Year 7 Pupils!

Year 7 have settled nicely into school. Starting secondary school is a big and exciting step and, while it's normal to feel a bit nervous, remember that this is a time of new learning, new friends, and new adventures. Your school is here to support you through this transition, so don't worry if you get lost or have questions – your teachers, form tutors, and the whole school community are ready to help you every step of the way. Be ready to explore new subjects, discover your passions, and make the most of this incredible journey.

### Try Something New

At Emerson Park Academy, we are extremely proud of our thriving Music Department and are pleased to announce the recent addition of a new Drum teacher and Woodwind teacher to our team. If your child is interested in learning a musical instrument, we encourage you to get in touch with the school. When Mrs Baykan served as a musician in the Army 13 years ago, there were 22 Army bands – today, that number has dropped to just 14, largely due to a decline in young people learning instruments. We hope to inspire more pupils to take up this rewarding opportunity.

### Design Technology – A Fantastic Start to the Year

We are delighted to have welcomed our Year 7 and Year 8 pupils into Design Technology this term, and we are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and commitment they have shown in their lessons.

During this first half term, pupils have completed their introductory project: the design and manufacture of a three-dimensional fridge magnet. This task provided an excellent opportunity for them to explore creative ideas, experiment with materials, and develop their practical skills.

The results have been outstanding. Pupils have demonstrated impressive imagination, problem-solving and craftsmanship, producing work of a very high standard. It has been a joy to see such creativity on display and to watch pupils take pride in their achievements.

We congratulate all of our pupils on such a successful start and look forward to seeing their talents continue to flourish as the year progresses.



## Army Visit

On 2nd October, thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Baykan, we welcomed The Army Engagement Ensemble for a day of music and inspiration. The ensemble delivered an engaging careers assembly to Year 9 and an educational music assembly to Year 7, performing well-known songs like Eye of the Tiger and demonstrating each instrument to the students. They also ran two interactive workshops with Years 10 and 11, helping pupils develop their performance skills in preparation for their GCSEs. A former Army musician herself, Mrs Baykan spent nine years travelling the world – including a deployment to Afghanistan – making this visit especially meaningful. It was a fantastic day, enjoyed by all.



## New Sports Hall

Emerson Park Academy is thrilled to announce the start of a long-awaited project: the construction of a brand-new £2.7 million Sports Hall.

The funding, secured through the latest round of Condition Improvement Fund (CIF) allocations, totals £3.4 million and will be used to design and build a modern, state-of-the-art Sports Complex that will benefit both pupils and the wider Havering community.



Head Teacher Scott McGuinness shared the exciting news:

“I am delighted to tell you that Emerson Park Academy has been awarded £3.4 million in the latest round of CIF funding, and the design work for our new Sports Complex has already begun. The actual building work should begin in the Autumn term.”

The announcement marks a major milestone for the school, which has spent the past five years campaigning for updated PE and sports facilities. The new complex will not only enhance the school’s Physical Education curriculum but also serve as a vital community resource, with modern amenities available for public use outside of school hours.

“This is long overdue,” Mr McGuinness added. “It will significantly support the PE department, encourage greater pupil participation in sport, and provide outstanding facilities for local groups and organisations.”

The investment is set to have a lasting positive impact on the school and surrounding area, offering top-tier sports facilities and promoting healthy lifestyles for generations to come.



## We Will Rock You

On 24th September, pupils enjoyed an exciting music trip to the Royal Albert Hall, where they had the opportunity to watch the Philharmonic Orchestra perform a spectacular tribute to the legendary rock band Queen. This unforgettable experience helped inspire our young musicians – particularly those who may not otherwise have the chance to visit London or see a live orchestra. It was a truly memorable day, thoroughly enjoyed by all.



## Havering Arts Competition

Pupils from Emerson Park Academy entered the Havering Arts Competition and one of our pupils Olivia K, Year 9 was commended for their artwork. Havering Council hosts an annual Havering Arts Competition for young artists in the borough, with a specific focus in 2025 on a competition and exhibition for 11-18 year olds. This year, participants were encouraged to submit digital photographs of their 2D or 3D artworks, with suitable pieces included in an online exhibition on the Havering Culture and Leisure YouTube channel. Well done to all our pupils that entered; we are very proud of you all.



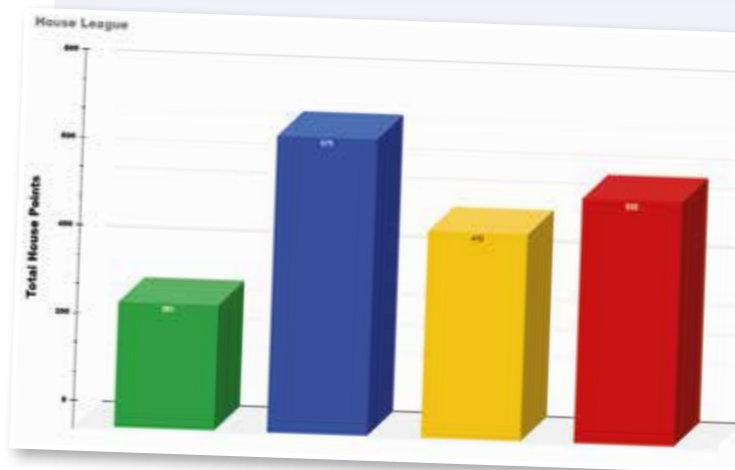
## Breakfast on the House Competition

This half term saw the return of our popular Breakfast on the House competition! Form groups across the school took part in a high-energy Kahoot quiz, testing their general knowledge and reaction speed. The competition was fierce, with Hepworth storming ahead on the leaderboard.

Congratulations to 8H2, who finished in third place, and 10H2, who secured a strong second place. Our winners, with an impressive 26,236 points, were Mrs Turner and Mrs Francis’ Form 11H1!

As their reward, 11H1 enjoyed a delicious breakfast delivered straight to their form room on Thursday morning. They also earned 100 House Points, helping to boost Hepworth into third position overall.

Well done to everyone who took part and made this half term’s competition such a fun and spirited event.



## The Final Countdown

After half term, Year 11 will start their Autumn exam series. Please check the exam dates and times via the communications that have been sent via email. Please also, if you haven’t already, visit the sign posting slides from the Year 11 Parents & Carers information evening which is highlighted in the news section of our website; this offers the chance to help with academic challenges, improving exam performance, particularly for the upcoming GCSE’s.

## Pupil Wellbeing

At Emerson Park Academy we are passionate about supporting our pupils to effectively manage their well-being.

We believe that feeling happy, healthy and supported is just as important as achieving in the classroom.

We are committed to creating a safe, caring environment where every pupil can thrive.

From pastoral support and mental health resources, to opportunities for friendship, creativity and physical activity, we encourage pupils to look after themselves and each other.

On our Wellbeing section page of the school website, both pupils and carers will find useful links to a variety of resources, offering extra support and guidance whenever it’s needed.

Our aim is for every young person to feel valued, confident and ready to succeed both in school and beyond.



## David Dein MBE

We were able to have former chairman of Arsenal and the Football Association David Dein MBE join us for a talk on motivation for the whole of Year 11. David spoke about key life lessons that he feels makes a person successful and linked this to the premier league and players/managers that he has worked with in the past. David was an excellent guest speaker who really got our pupils involved in the message. Thank you David!





Students of the half term

Art



Blake C  
Year 7



Angel S  
Year 8

Design Technology



Mohammed A  
Year 9

Design Technology (Food)

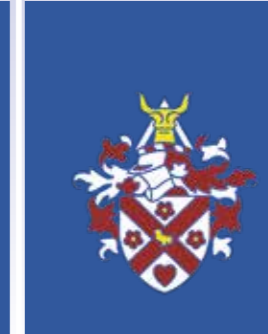


Paige M  
Year 10



Poppy I  
Year 11

Design Technology (Textiles)



Connie S  
Year 10



Isla D  
Year 11

Art



Manasvi P  
Year 9



Cayedance W  
Year 10



Grace P  
Year 11

Business Studies



Che E  
Year 10



Ethan W  
Year 11

Design Technology (Timbers)



Teddy C  
Year 10



Oliver D  
Year 11

Drama



Ashwin S  
Year 7



Kaden B  
Year 9



Louie J  
Year 10

Citizenship



Michael M  
Year 10



Albion C  
Year 11

Computer Science



Riley K  
Year 10

Cultural Studies



Callum K  
Year 11



Mikayla D  
Year 7

English



Darci W  
Year 7



Chikamso E  
Year 8



Mariia K  
Year 9



Jensen S  
Year 10



Bogdan E  
Year 11

Cultural Studies



Basel A  
Year 8



Isla S  
Year 9

Design Technology (Construction)



Harrison B  
Year 10



George B  
Year 11

Design Technology



Bruce V  
Year 8

Geography



Joshua D  
Year 7



Sumad B  
Year 8



Sebastian C  
Year 9



Airlie C  
Year 10



Maise H  
Year 11

Health & Social Care

History



Eunice T  
Year 10



Amelie B  
Year 11



Amelia N  
Year 7



Jamie T  
Year 8



Sophia B  
Year 9

Modern Foreign Languages

Music



Willow P  
Year 8



Emily R  
Year 9



Leroy D  
Year 10



Mariyah K  
Year 11



Willow M  
Year 7

History

Information Technology



Skye E  
Year 10



Fawziyah S  
Year 11



Anayah F  
Year 7



William B  
Year 8



Alfie R  
Year 9

Music

Photography



Tommy G  
Year 8



Jude M  
Year 9



Lexi P  
Year 10



Joseph M  
Year 11



Jess C  
Year 10

Information Technology

Maths



Caiden S  
Year 10



Elysia F  
Year 11



Jaish A  
Year 7



Kyla O  
Year 8



Billy H  
Year 9

Psychology

Physical Education



Elsie H  
Year 10



Lyla B  
Year 11



Sharon B  
Year 7



Lily-Rose P  
Year 8



Harry J  
Year 9

Maths

Media Studies

Modern Foreign Languages



Ava E  
Year 10



Divine A  
Year 11



Henry M  
Year 10



Jessica S  
Year 11



Flo P  
Year 7

Physical Education

Sports Science



Max G  
Year 10



Sam S  
Year 11



Airlie C  
Year 10



Lyla B  
Year 11



Science



Amelia N  
Year 7



Emine G  
Year 8



Lily L  
Year 9



Sophie S  
Year 10



Cara P  
Year 11

Curriculum Support



Ronnie S  
Year 10



Mya C  
Year 11

